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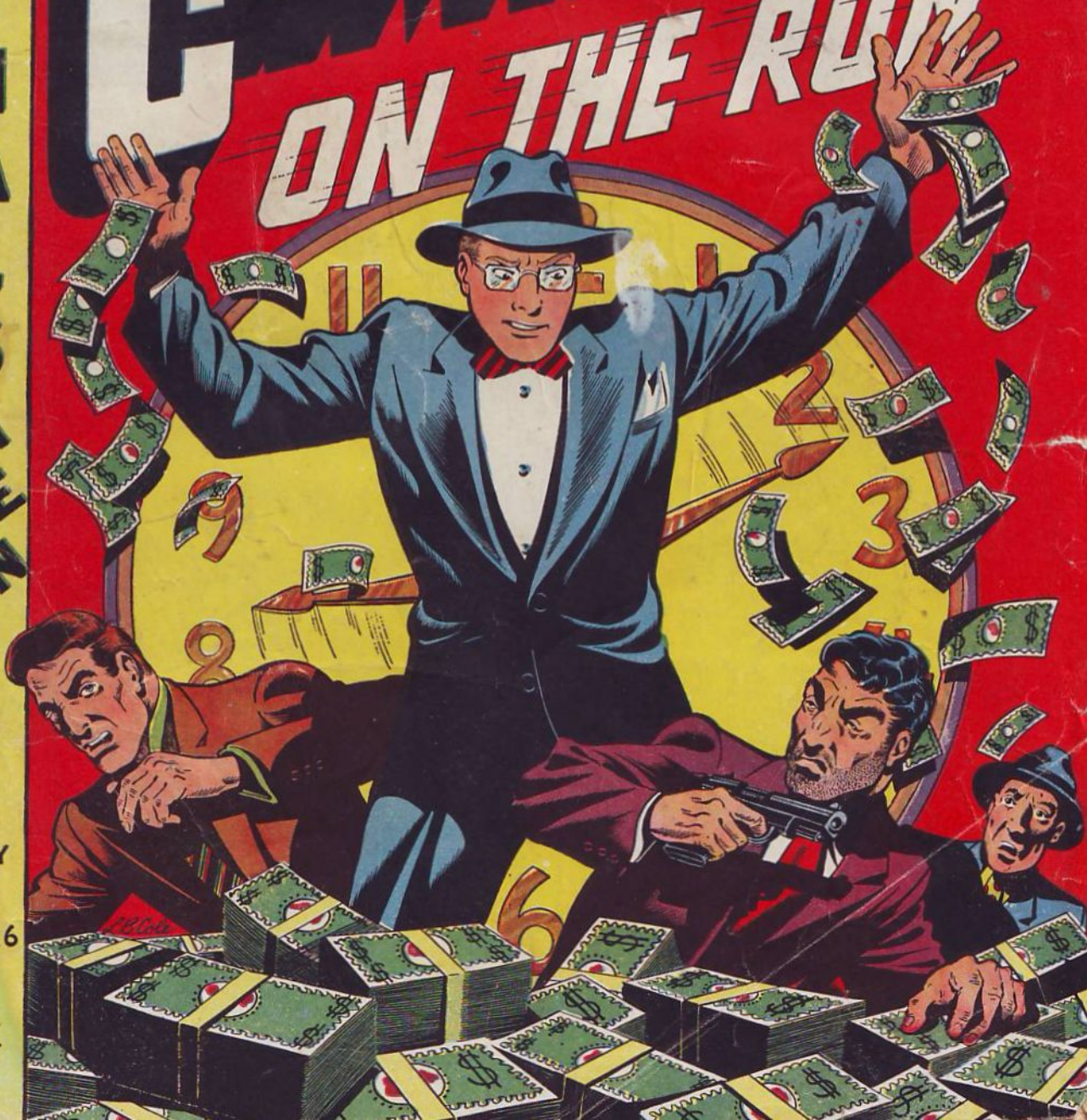
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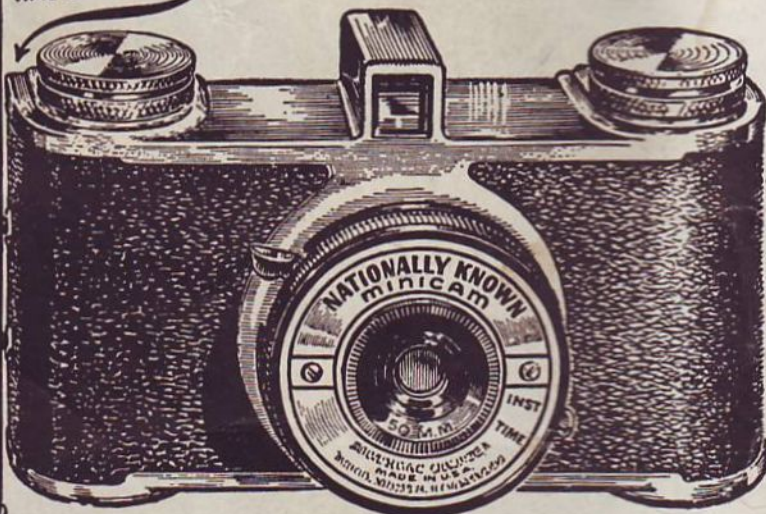
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# YOUNG King Cole



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MR. COLE! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME SPEND A MILLION DOLLARS!

WHAT? CALM DOWN! IS THIS SOME SORT OF GAG?



Robert D. Wheeler, Editor and General Manager  
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IT'S NOT A GAG! I'M LARRY LARK, AND THIS IS MY LAWYER, PHINEAS BRENT... MY FATHER DIED RECENTLY AND HIS WILL SAYS I MUST SPEND A MILLION DOLLARS RIGHT AWAY!



JONATHAN LARK, YOU SEE, WAS VERY...UH...ECCENTRIC! HE FELT HIS SON COULD NOT BE ENTRUSTED WITH HIS VAST FORTUNE OF FIFTY MILLION, UNLESS HE UNDERSTOOD THE VALUE OF MONEY!



...before my son, Larry, can inherit my fortune, he must first spend ONE MILLION within a period of 24 hours. He can enlist the aid of others, but, if any of the money is stolen, the will is void.



IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT ONLY USEFUL THINGS CAN BE BOUGHT, AT THE CORRECT PRICE. THE MILLION CANNOT BE USED FOR GAMBLING OR CHARITY... AND NO ITEMS BOUGHT MAY BE DUPLICATED... CRAZIEST THING I EVER HEARD OF!



YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME, MR. COLE! YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE THE ONLY ONES I CAN TRUST TO SPEND THE MONEY WITHOUT BEING DISHONEST... PLEASE...

HMMM...



SHALL WE TAKE UP THE CASE? IT'S A BIT OUT OF OUR LINE...

OH, DON'T BE STUFFY, KING! THINK OF THE FUN OF SPENDING ALL THAT MONEY! I SAY YES!







SO THE STRANGE QUEST TO FULFILL THE ODD TERMS OF A DEAD MAN'S WHIM BEGINS!



LET'S FOLLOW URSUS FIRST... AND SEE HOW HE LIKES THE MISSION.

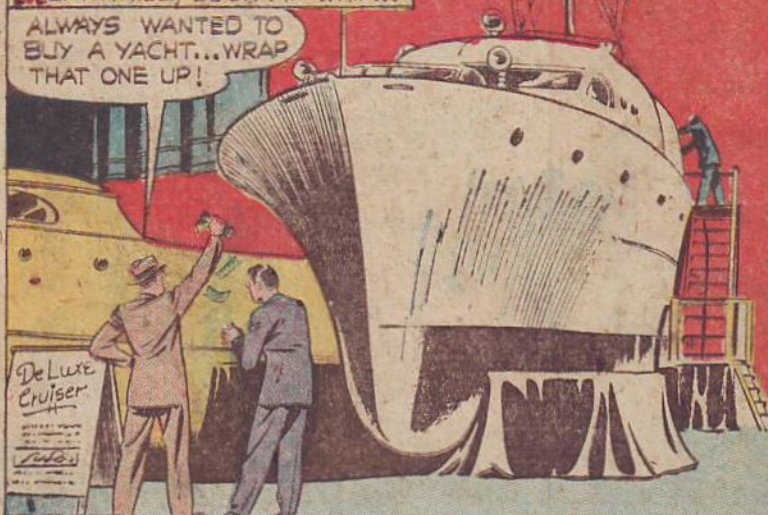


Q 1 See picture 5. What sports are indicated by the equipment shown here?



MEANWHILE, LOOK AT WHIP...

ALWAYS WANTED TO  
BUY A YACHT...WRAP  
THAT ONE UP!



AND IRIS'S FEMININE SOUL IS  
IN SEVENTH HEAVEN!

ONLY \$5,000? SOMETHING  
MORE EXPENSIVE, PLEASE! LARRY'S  
FUTURE WIFE MUST HAVE THE  
BEST... AND WAIT TILL I GET  
TO THAT **JEWELRY** STORE  
NEXT DOOR!



YOUNG KING COLE HIMSELF REACHES A  
STAGGERING CONCLUSION.

I BOUGHT LARRY A CAR, A COMPLETE  
WARDROBE, A DIAMOND WRIST WATCH...  
AND I'VE GOT MOST OF THE MONEY LEFT!  
WHO SAID SPENDING MONEY IS EASY?

BUT SOMETHING  
STILL MORE  
STAGGERING  
HITS HIM...



WAIT A MINUTE!... GREAT  
JUPITER! THIS MONEY IS..  
**COUNTERFEIT!**

**MEN'S  
WEAR**

4th  
FLOOR



HOW CAN I WARN THE OTHERS? THEY'RE  
SCATTERED ALL OVER TOWN! IF THEY GET  
CAUGHT PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY...

**WOW!**

THE CROOK BEHIND ALL THIS  
MUST BE PHINEAS BRENT, THE  
LAWYER! I'VE GOT HIS OFFICE  
ADDRESS...I'LL TAKE A CAB!



A 1 Boxing, tennis, skiing, and of course gymnastics!

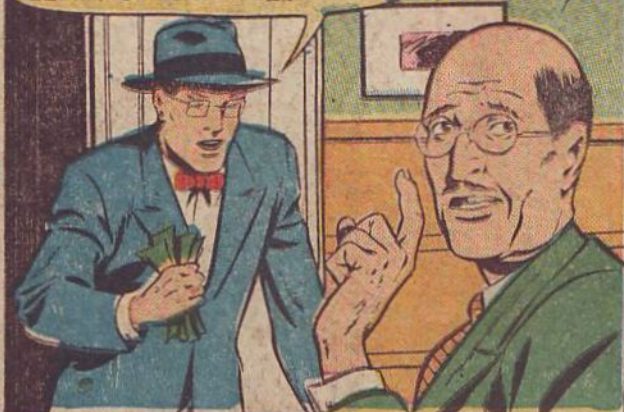


PRETTY CLEVER, BRENT! YOU KEPT THE **REAL** MILLION AND SUBSTITUTED COUNTERFEIT! YOU FIGURED WE'D ALL BE CAUGHT EVENTUALLY, LEAVING YOU FREE!

BOYS!

GOT HIM, BOSS!

INTO THE BACK ROOM WITH HIM!



WHEN KING REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...

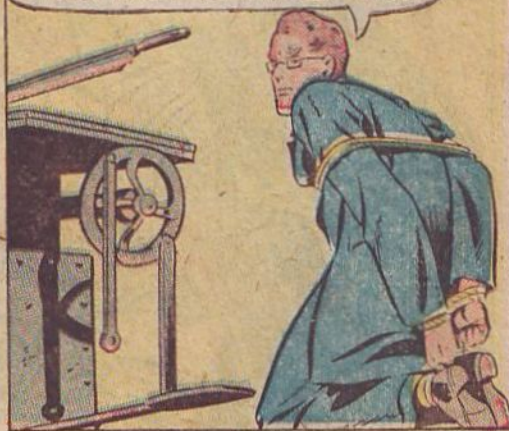
HERE'S WHERE YOU MADE THE FAKE MONEY, EH?

YOUR FRIENDS AREN'T AS SMART AS YOU. THEY'LL KEEP ON PASSING THE BAD MONEY, WHILE YOU STAY HERE, AS OUR GUEST!

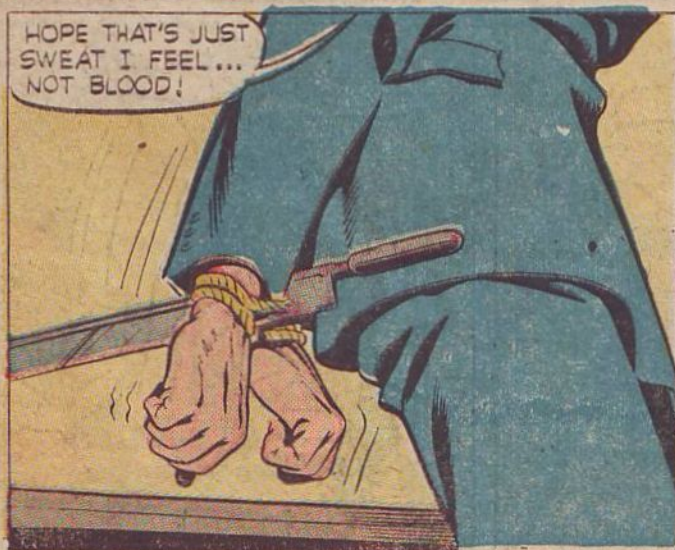


SOON, PHINEAS BRENT LEAVES...

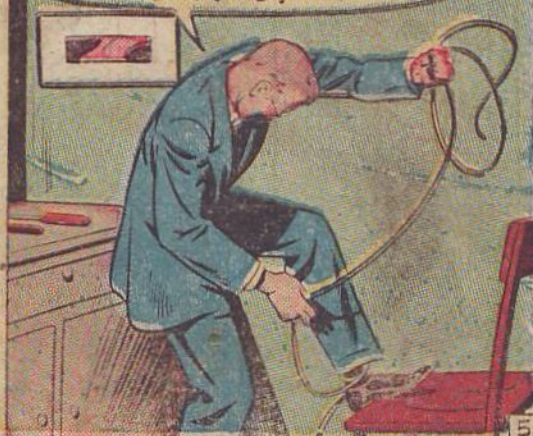
TRAPPED! WAIT... THAT PAPER CUTTING MACHINE... IF I CAN INCH MYSELF OVER.. AND PROP MYSELF UP...



HOPE THAT'S JUST SWEAT I FEEL... NOT BLOOD!



NOW TO SEARCH THE SHOP FOR THE COUNTERFEIT ENGRAVING PLATES. THEN I'LL HAVE MR. PHINEAS BRENT DEAD TO RIGHTS!



Q 2 What is the largest denomination in U. S. paper currency?





A 2 The \$10,000 bill is the largest denomination.



Q 3



OUT COLD! UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T QUESTION HIM NOW ABOUT THE HIDDEN ENGRAVING PLATES!

KING! WHAT GIVES?

WHIP HAS ARRIVED, ALSO KNOWING THE TRUTH. THAT MONEY... BOGUS!

YOU CAUGHT ON TOO, EH? TROUBLE IS, WE NEED CONCRETE EVIDENCE, SUCH AS THE ENGRAVING PLATES!

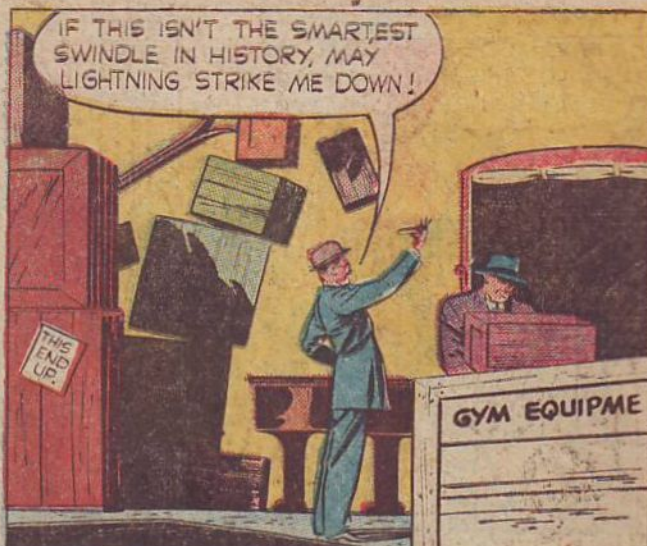
YOU STAY HERE AND SEARCH, WHIP... I'M GOING TO ROUND UP BRENT... I'VE GOT A GOOD HUNCH WHERE HE IS!

I'LL BET HE'S AT 14 CHASE ST., WHERE ALL THE PURCHASES ARE BEING DELIVERED! HE MUST BE PLOTTING NOT ONLY TO TAKE THE MILLION, BUT ALSO TO TAKE OVER ALL THE GOODS BOUGHT WITH THE COUNTERFEIT MONEY! A DOUBLE-EDGED SWINDLE!

HERE'S 14 CHASE ST.! BUT IT'S AN OLD WAREHOUSE! I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE LARRY LARK'S HOME!

THE ANSWER, OF COURSE, IS THAT BRENT CAN LOAD UP A TRUCK OF VALUABLES HERE, WITHOUT DISTURBANCE... HE THINKS!





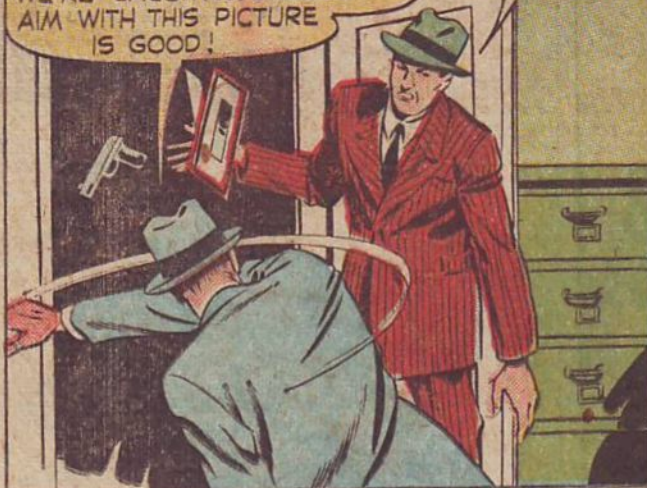






YES, I SUSPECTED IT! WELL, WE'RE CAUGHT...UNLESS MY AIM WITH THIS PICTURE IS GOOD!

OWWW!



LOOK, WHIP... AN ENGRAVING PLATE WAS HIDDEN IN THAT PICTURE FRAME...NOW WE'VE GOT THE EVIDENCE WE NEED!



LARRY AND BRENT WERE IN CAHOOTS ALL THE TIME?

SURE, WHIP! THE WHOLE THING WAS A FRAUD, EVEN THE WILL! BY PRETENDING A MILLION DOLLARS MUST BE SPENT, THEY DUPED US INTO PASSING BAD MONEY FOR THEM! THEIR PROFIT WAS TO COME OUT OF THE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF GOODS WE BOUGHT FOR THEM!



LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THAT'S THAT! BUT, KING... OMIGOSH! WHAT ABOUT POOR URSE AND IRIS, STILL OUT PASSING BAD MONEY? THEY'LL GET CAUGHT AND JAILED...

OH, MR. COLE... THIS WAY PLEASE!



GET ME OUTTA HERE! WHAT DID I DO?

YOU JUST PASSED \$200,000 OF BAD MONEY, URSE.. SHAME ON YOU!

BUT YOU'LL BE RELEASED ON OUR WORD, OF COURSE!



THEN IRIS ARRIVES...

I WAS HELD UP! A CROOK TOOK MOST OF MY MONEY..WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT, YOU, WRETCH?

HA, HA! I'M THINKING OF THAT CROOK'S FACE WHEN HE GETS NABBED FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY! THERE'S A GENERAL ALARM OUT!



LATER...

ALL THE GOODS WILL BE RETURNED, SO NOBODY WILL LOSE!

WELL, IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED! WHEN WILL WE GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO SPEND A 'MILLION DOLLARS, BAD OR NOT?





# COLE CLUES

NEWS AND VIEWS

## THE EDITORS WRITE:

Dear Readers:

Here's something important to remember in March — important enough to deserve extra-big type:

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Cordially yours,  
THE EDITORS

## THE READERS WRITE:

Dear Sirs:

I have just read CRIMINALS ON THE RUN. It's a very good comic. I enjoyed all the stories very much. They're all jam-packed with excitement and adventure. I think King Cole should be an older looking man. He'd look more like a detective.

A CRIMINALS ON THE RUN reader,  
Harriet Nordstrom  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

I wish you would take out "Jolly Jokes and Corn" and put in something more interesting.

A monthly reader,  
Jacqueline Himmelstein  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I am a constant reader of many comic books, but one of my favorites is CRIMINALS ON THE RUN. Young King Cole, the main attraction with his three associates make a terrific four law-enforcing people. Young King Cole is really a crime buster and one of the main reasons why I like him is because he isn't one of those silly heroes that fly. It is a sensible comic strip, and to me, I think the artists do a perfect job as well as the writers.

A constant fan,  
Cheryl Nibbingale  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Last week I bought my first issue of CRIMINALS ON THE RUN and I wish to congratulate you on this splendid book. I had never bought a YOUNG KING COLE comic book, but

after reading CRIMINALS I knew that I had missed a very good comic book. My favorite character is Young King Cole. My second favorite character is Homer K. Beagle. Your stories are not gruesome as in some other comic books, and they are twice as exciting. You know now that you have a reader for life.

Robert E. Young  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Editors:

For the past two years I have read YOUNG KING COLE and now I read CRIMINALS ON THE RUN. I enjoy this new issue even more. My mother says it is a comic which is more realistic. I agree with Pauline Lassiter of Fitzgerald, Georgia. If all other stories were taken out and King Cole was the only feature the book would not only be good it would be super colossal.

Sincerely yours,  
Edward Stow  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Editors:

Today I was looking for a comic and I couldn't find the one that I wanted. I looked around and all of a sudden I saw CRIMINALS ON THE RUN. I bought it. I like the "Young King Cole" stories best of all. I think it would be nice if you would have King Cole in different countries in each case.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Tordiff  
Lima, Ohio

Dear Editors:

My whole family reads CRIMINALS ON THE RUN. We all say it is a marvelous book. I like "Young King Cole" best of all.

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WEEK!

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# DEAD GIVEAWAY

"H'E'S always puttering around in the dirt," muttered Jakey. "Never thinks of anything else. Dressed in his old clothes all the time. Spendin' good money for fertilizer, while I have to beg 'im for a few dollars." He smiled darkly. "But not after today. His money comes to me after he dies."

"Jake! Jake, come here," shouted his uncle from the vegetable patch.

Jake smiled grimly at the anger in the old man's voice. "Must've found the hole I dug," he muttered. "All right, Uncle William, coming."

Perspiration wet the palms of Jakey's hands. He dried them on his pants and picked up an iron bar.

Purple veins of rage stood out on Uncle William's face. He pointed a bony finger at a deep, wide hole in one corner of the patch. "This is your work, isn't it," he asked. "Why?"

"Well," said Jakey, "it's like this." He stepped up to the old man and swung the bar at his head.

There was a dull, sickening thud. Uncle William's eyes glazed over and he fell into the hole. "It's like this, Uncle," said Jakey, as he reached for the shovel, "I want to bury you in your own garden."

When the grave was filled in and smoothed over, Jakey carefully transplanted some cabbage plants in it, so that the garden row was unbroken.

"Now no one will suspect where your body is hidden," he said with satisfaction. "Even if that nosy sheriff suspects I killed you, he can't prove it without a corpse."

Sheriff Moore said the same thing, after he'd investigated the mysterious disappearance of Uncle William without result. "I'm sure Jakey killed him and hid his body somewhere," he told his deputy. "But we can't accuse him of anything till we find the corpse. Proof, that's what we need."

A month went by, during which Sheriff Moore's investigation came to a standstill. One day he passed the Devers' place and glanced at the vegetable garden which hadn't been touched all month.

In the far corner of the patch was a wild tangle

of tall sunflowers which had somehow managed to evade the smothering weeds that had killed the cabbage plants in the row.

"That's funny," he muttered, "sunflowers growing in a garden patch, I mean. Don't hardly seem like Uncle William would've planted them there."

An idea jolted him and sent him running to the nearest phone. He called a seed store. "Fred," he asked the proprietor, "did Uncle William buy anything the day of his disappearance?"

"Why sure, Sheriff," Fred replied. "A package of sunflower seeds."

An hour later, Jakey Devers, handcuffed to Sheriff Moore, trembled as he watched the deputy uncover William's body in the vegetable plot.

"I had it planned so good," he kept repeating. "How'd you know he was buried here?"

"The sunflower seeds he had in his pocket the day you killed him, Jakey," Moore answered. "They sprouted and marked his grave."

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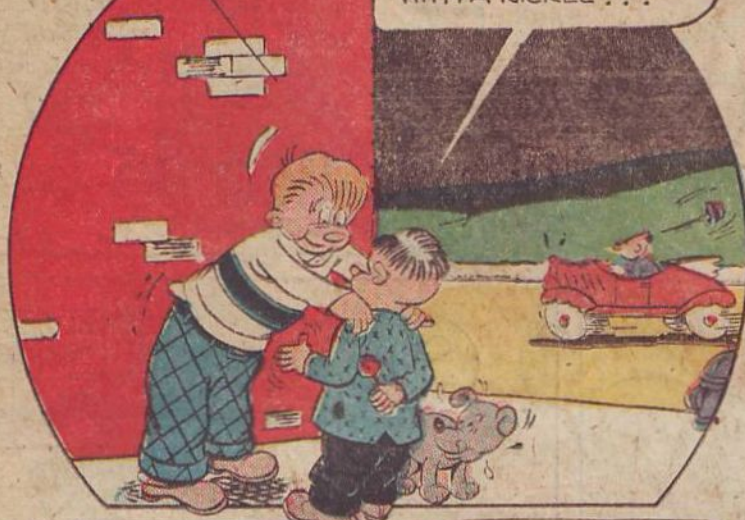
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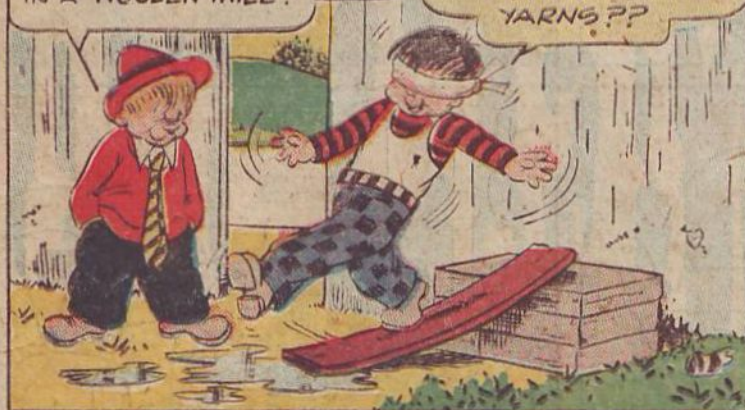
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FOR A MONTH,  
OLD BOY!!

NOW WHAT WOULD A  
MONTH-OLD BOY WANT  
WITH A NICKEL ???



HA! HA! WHO EVER HEARD  
OF A MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
IN A WOOLEN MILL ?

HA, HA YOURSELF -  
HOW ABOUT THE GUY  
WHO SPINS ALL THE  
YARNS ??



D'YA KNOW WHAT A  
DAFFYDILL IS?

ER, SURE-IT'S  
A CRAZY PICKLE!!



LET'S PLAY A GAME,  
HUH ?

O.K., YOU PLAY  
LIKE A BALL 'N'  
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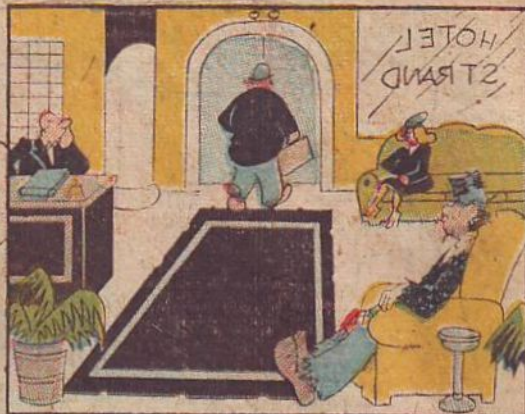
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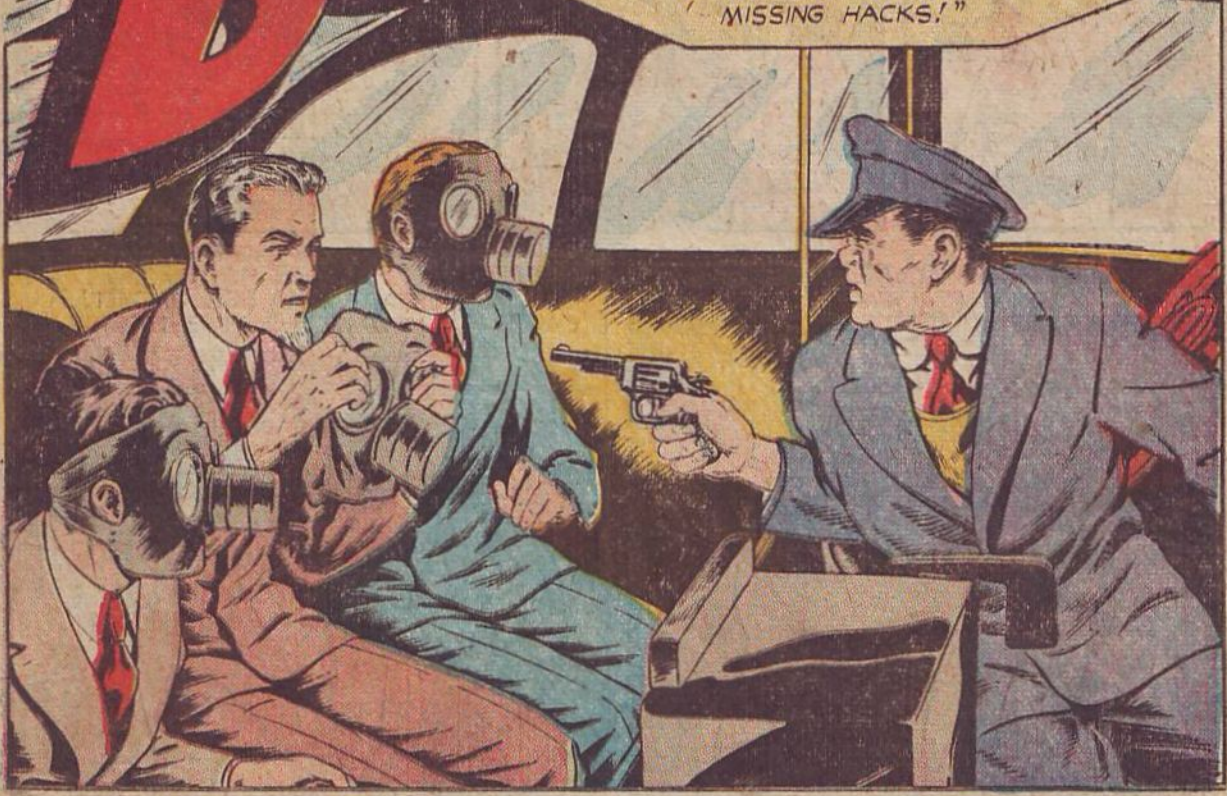
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# DR. DOOM

DOCTOR DOOM, THE KEEN-WITTED PROFESSOR OF CRIMINOLOGY, BATTLES A STRANGE NEW RACKET IN "THE CASE OF THE MISSING HACKS!"



WHY SO ANXIOUS, BUZZ?

MY AUNT MATILDA SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED HERE AN HOUR AGO!



SHE'S AWFULLY WEALTHY, BUT SHE'S NOT USED TO CITIES! I'M WORRIED!

AH! THIS LOOKS LIKE AN AUNT MATILDA APPROACHING NOW!



MY GOSH! AUNT MATILDA!

OH, MY DEAR BOY! I'LL NEVER SET FOOT IN THIS WICKED CITY AGAIN!



I'VE BEEN ROBBED!  
MY NEW LUGGAGE IS  
GONE! I SHOULD  
HAVE STAYED IN  
TOMKINSVILLE!



AFTER I GOT IN A TAXI  
AT THE DEPOT I HEARD A  
HISSING NOISE --  
THE NEXT THING  
I REMEMBER, I  
WAS SITTING IN  
A DESERTED LOT,  
ROBBED!



GOSH!

PERHAPS SOME LABORATORY WORK  
WILL SHOW US  
WHAT HAPPENED!  
I'LL NEED A  
PATCH OF YOUR  
CLOTHING AND  
A DROP OF YOUR  
BLOOD.



OH! NOW  
I KNOW  
I SHOULD  
HAVE  
STAYED HOME!

*The* MASTER CRIMINOLOGIST MAKES A  
QUICK ANALYSIS!



THIS PROVES AUNT  
MATILDA WAS  
GASSED!

GASSED  
IN A  
CAB?



YES! THIS MAY BE THE  
START OF A NEW RACKET!  
NOW IS THE TIME TO STOP  
IT!

WE'LL SET OURSELVES UP AS  
BAIT FOR THE CAB DRIVER AT  
THE RAILROAD STATION!



SWELL!

DON'T WORRY!  
WE'LL CATCH  
THE CAB  
DRIVER --  
AND WE'RE  
READY  
FOR THE GAS!

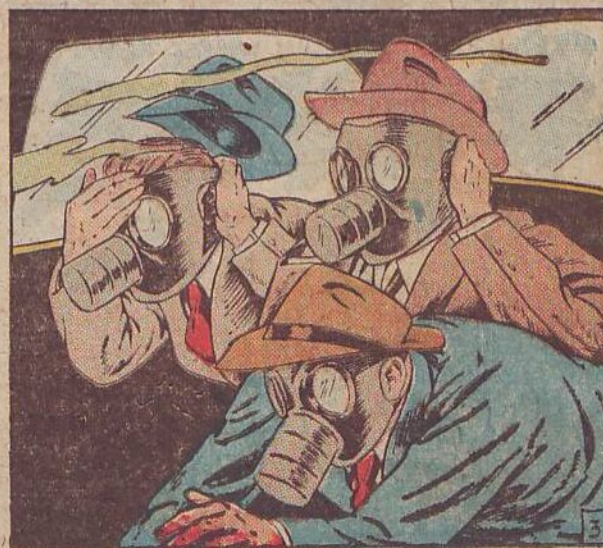
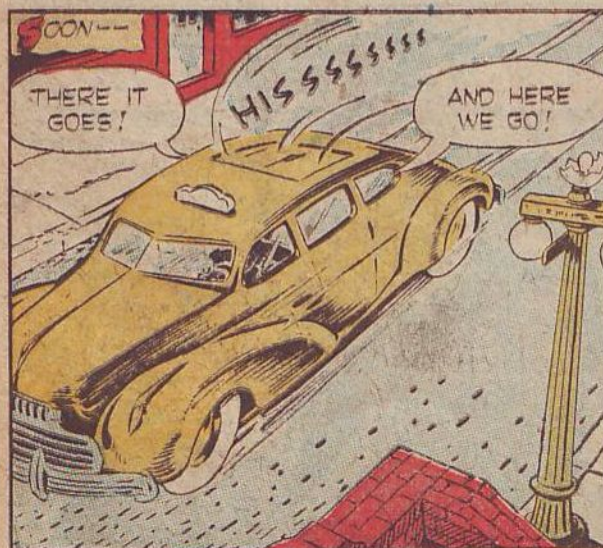
I DECLARE! I  
DO WORRY ABOUT  
BUZZ IN THIS  
WICKED  
CITY!

OH, AUNT  
MATILDA,  
I'M A BIG  
BOY NOW!





AT THE DEPOT, DOCTOR DOOM ACTS THE  
ROLE OF A WEALTHY TRAVELER.



Q 6 If you spend  $\frac{1}{4}$  of your money and then had \$1.75 left, how much did you have originally?





AH! THEY'RE SLEEPING LIKE BABIES!

**THE CAB SPEEDS TO A LARGE DESERTED WAREHOUSE.**



OH BOY! THE WAY THESE CHUMPS GAVE OUT TIPS! THEY MUST BE LOADED WITH MOOLAH!



BOO!

YIPE!



AWFUL STUFFY IN HERE! YOU'LL LOSE CUSTOMERS THAT WAY!

HELP ME, HACK! HEY, HACK FENDER!



HERE I AM, MIKE! RELAX!

OH-OH! LOOK WHAT WE WALKED INTO!



SMEAR THESE WISE GUYS!

THIS RACKET IS BIGGER THAN I SUSPECTED-- UNFORTUNATELY FOR US!





TAKE IT EASY!  
WE GET THE IDEA!



QUITE AN ORGANIZATION  
YOU HAVE, FENDER!

YEAH, AND  
I'M GONNA  
KEEP IT  
TOO, SNOOPER!



NOW YOU'RE READY FOR THE  
BIG JOB--THE JEWELERS'  
CONVENTION!



THEY'RE HAULING IN THEIR BEST JEWELS!  
YOU GUYS GOTTA GET 'EM AS FARES  
AND BRING 'EM HERE WHERE WE'LL  
DIVIDE THE TAKE!



MEANWHILE...

YOU BOYS ARE  
GOING FOR A  
BOAT RIDE!

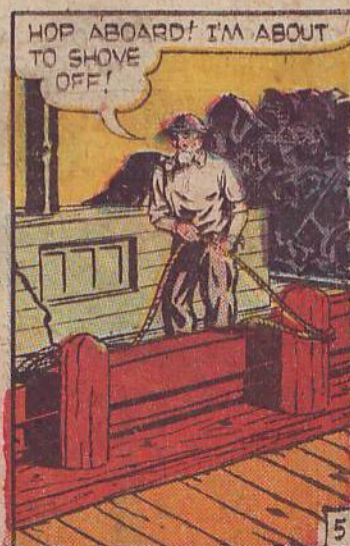
SWELL!  
I LOVE  
PLEASURE  
CRUISES!



SOON...

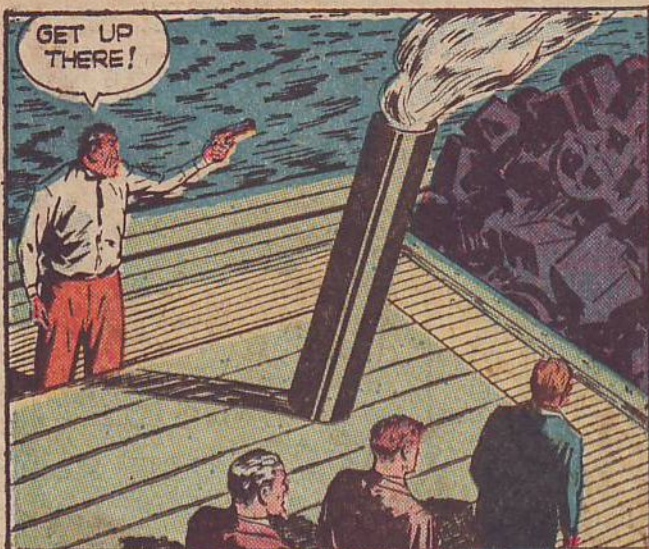
HEY, TATTERS!  
I'VE GOT SOME  
CARGO!

WHAT'S THE  
IDEA? THIS IS  
A JUNK  
SCOW!



HOP ABOARD! I'M ABOUT  
TO SHOVE  
OFF!







WITHOUT A GUN YOU'RE NOT SO TOUGH, CABBY!



TAKING COMMAND OF THE SCOW, DR. DOOM HEADS FOR PORT!

BY NOW, THE CABBIES ARE BACK WITH THEIR HAUL!

MAYBE WE CAN OUTTRICK THEM!



I'LL BARGE IN ON THEM AS PROFESSOR KARET, THE JEWEL EXPERT.

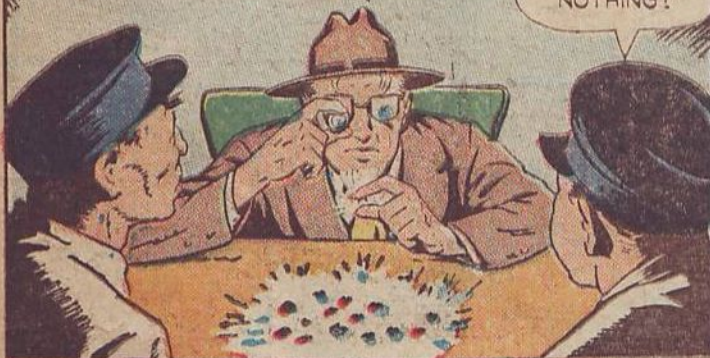


AT THE WAREHOUSE, DOOM'S DISGUISE WORKS!

YUH SAY HACK FENDER SENT YOU?

HE WANTS THESE GEMS APPRAISED. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY'RE CHEAP IMITATIONS!

WHAT? YA MEAN WE DID ALL THAT WORK FOR NOTHING?



HACK FENDER SAYS THEY HAD THE REAL JEWELS SENT TO 127 UNIVERSITY STREET! IF YOU ALL HURRY THERE...

WE'RE ON OUR WAY!



STEP ON IT! WE STILL GOT A CHANCE TO GET THE STUFF!

HELLO, POLICE? DOOM SPEAKING-- SEND A SQUAD TO MY HOUSE TO PICK UP A FLOCK OF THIEVING CAB DRIVERS!



Later...

THIS CITY'S AWFULLY DANGEROUS-- BUT I GUESS YOU'RE SAFE WITH DR. DOOM AROUND!

YES, MA'AM! HE MAKES THE PLACE SAFE FOR EVERYONE-- EXCEPT THE CRIMINALS!

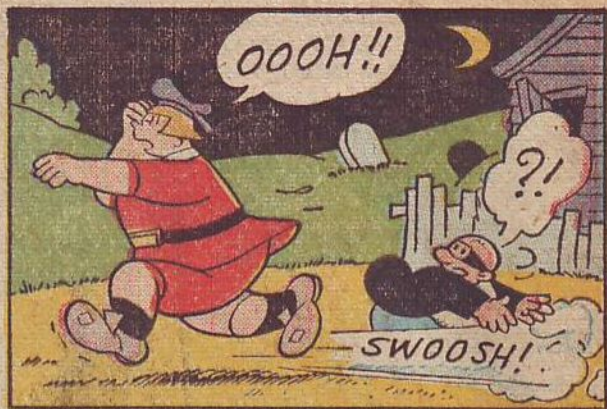


CRIMINALS ON THE RUN



# BOITRAM THE BOIGLAR

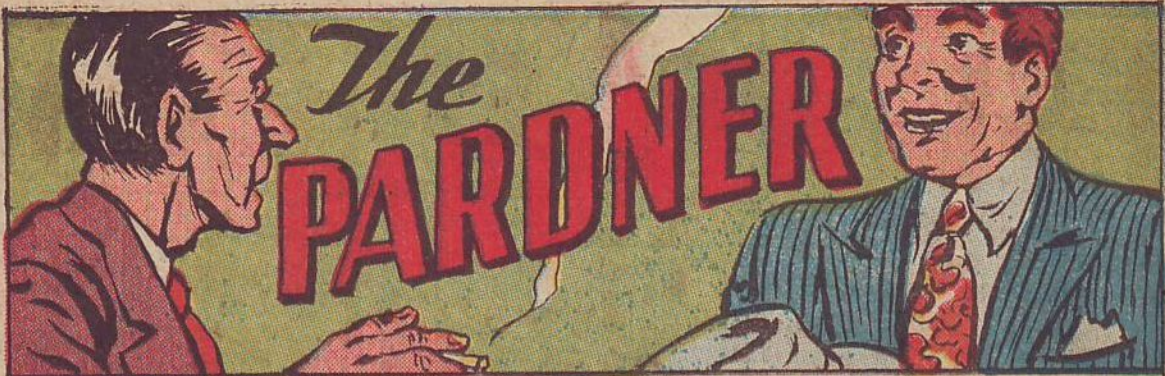
BY ART HELFANT











**JIM DOOLEY** wasn't much to look at. He was tall and thin, with stooped shoulders and an oversized nose. But he felt proud of himself. He had been in Cloverdale just six days and his plans to break into the Farmers' Bank were completed.

Not only that, but through a contact in the Big City, he had reached Reds Malone. Reds was one of the best safe-crackers in the business, and was to be his partner in this crime. There'd be about fifty thousand dollars to split between them, but it wasn't in Jim's plans to take only half.

Dooley paced the floor of his hotel room waiting for Reds to arrive. He had heard many tales about Reds' exploits but had never actually met him.

He felt like patting himself on the back. He wasn't meeting Reds at the station where they could be seen together. No, they'd meet in the room, go over his plans, then separate until they pulled off the job.

A satisfied grin spread across Dooley's face. He even knew how hard he was going to hit Reds on the head once the safe was opened. Reds would be unconscious when the cops arrived, after Jim had tipped them off that the bank was being robbed.

There was a sharp tap on the door. Dooley breathed deeply, then, went and opened the door.

The man who stood there, politely holding his felt hat, was one of the biggest men Dooley had ever seen. His mop of red hair seemed to light up his smiling, clean-shaven face.

"Are you Jim Dooley?" the redhead asked.

"Yeah, Reds, come in," Dooley said excitedly.

Dooley didn't waste time. He showed the redhead a sketch of the bank and told him that there was a rear window which could be forced open, and that there was no watchman after twelve o'clock.

Then the redhead left, promising to be in the alley behind the bank at quarter past twelve.

Dooley reached the entrance to the alley, and in the darkness felt the blackjack in his pocket. Elated at the prospects of filling his pockets with money, he walked the length of the alley and, as his eyes became accustomed to the darkness, spotted another figure.

"Everything okay, Reds?" Dooley whispered.

"Everything's perfect," the redhead answered.

Suddenly Dooley saw the man alongside of the redhead. "Hey," he exclaimed, "who's that guy?"

"A friend of mine," the redhead said. "I need him for this job."

"You shouldn't have brought anybody else," Dooley snapped, wondering how he could use the blackjack on two men.

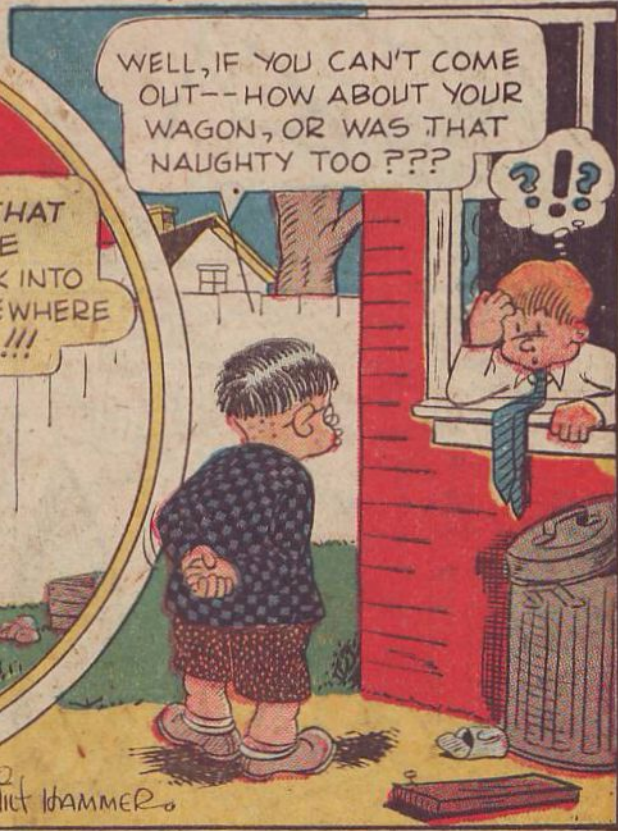
"I had to," the redhead smiled. "You see, he's the sheriff of Cloverdale, and I'm Sergeant Quinn from Big City. That contact you had was a police stoolie, and I came here to keep you from breaking into the bank. But I can't make an arrest here, so that's where the sheriff comes in."

Dooley saw the revolver in the sheriff's hand, and he knew he was on his way to jail.

**THE END**



# JOLLY JOKES AND CORN



Milt HAMMER



# INSPECTOR KLOOZ



PERCY GOLDBRICK...ER GOLDSPOON NOW WHAT COULD BE BUZZING AROUND HERE TO MAKE HIM SEND FOR A WHACK?...CRACK DETECTIVE LIKE ME?

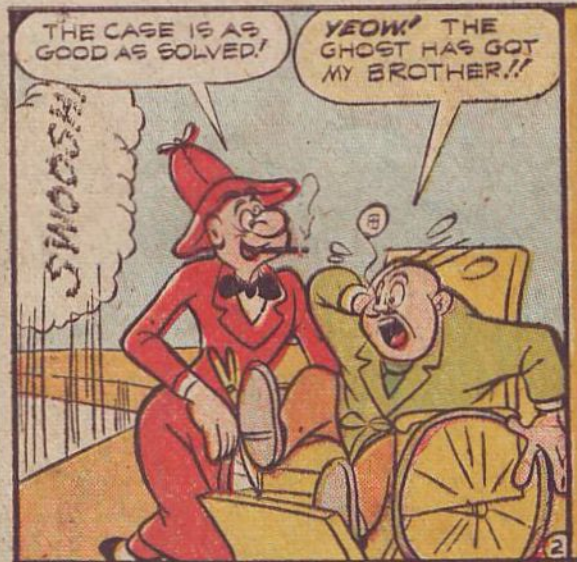
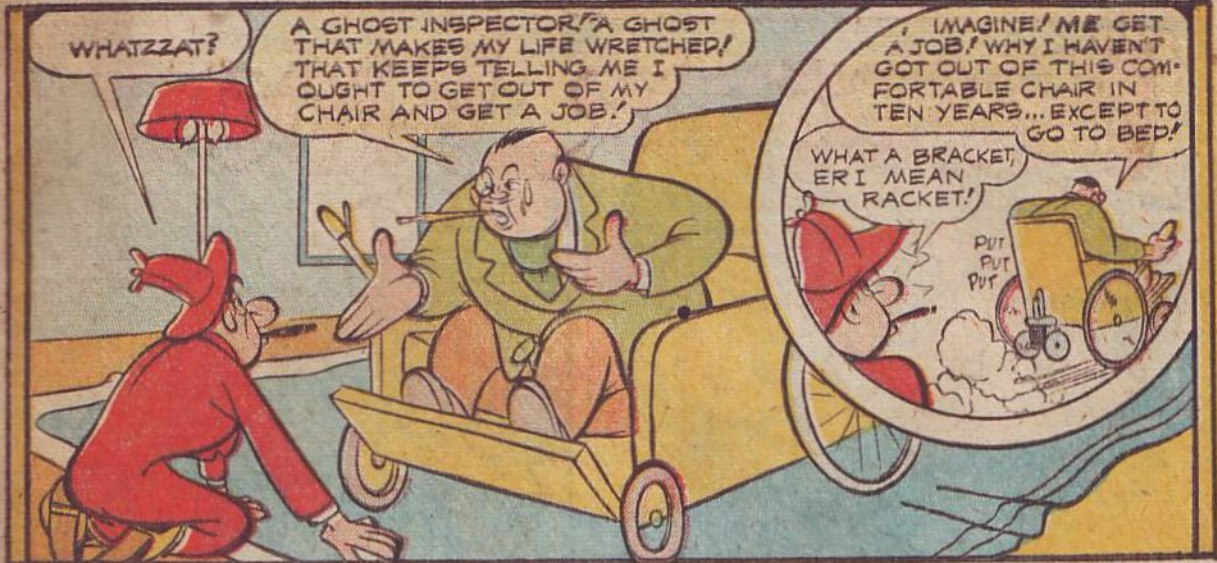
BRINNING!

YOW! MY DEAR... I MEAN MY **EAR**...NO-NO, I'M HERE!

INSPECTOR KLOOZ! THANK GOODNESS YOU'VE COME! IT'S THAT GHOST...

KLONK!





Q 8 How many years are there in a decade? Is the word pronounced as "decayed"?



HE'S DRAGGED MY POOR BROTHER  
TO HIS DOOM... RIGHT THROUGH  
THE FLOOR!

NONSENSE! BROTHER  
GOLDILOCKS IS RIGHT  
BEHIND...

WHAT?  
HUH?

GONE! BUT SWIPED BY SPIRIT...  
NEVER! PROBABLY JUST STEPPED  
OUT TO THE CHICKEN FOR A  
PIECE OF ICE BOX, ER NO!

HUH? WHO SAID THAT?  
WHAT D-DID I SAY  
ABOUT GHOSTS??

FRIGHT-  
FUL!

**BEWARE!**  
**IF YOU**  
**DON'T GET A**  
**JOB I'LL**  
**GET YOU**  
**TOO PERCY!**

NO! I WON'T BELIEVE MY  
LIES... ER **EYES** HMM... PAGE  
47 PARAGRAPH C, LINE 7.. THE  
SUPERNATURAL ALWAYS HAS  
A NATURAL CAUSE!

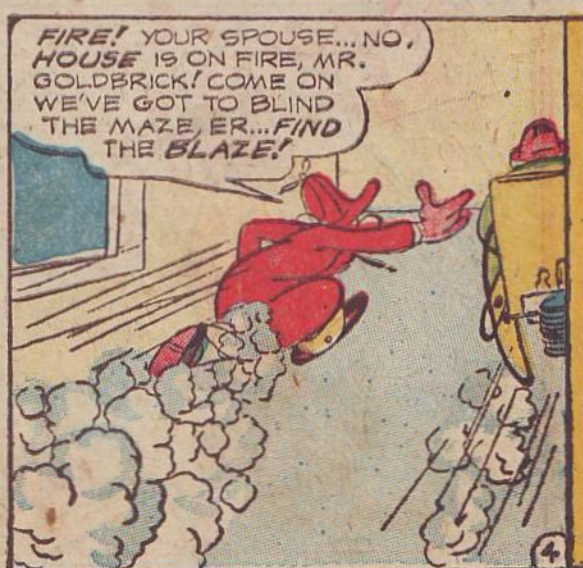
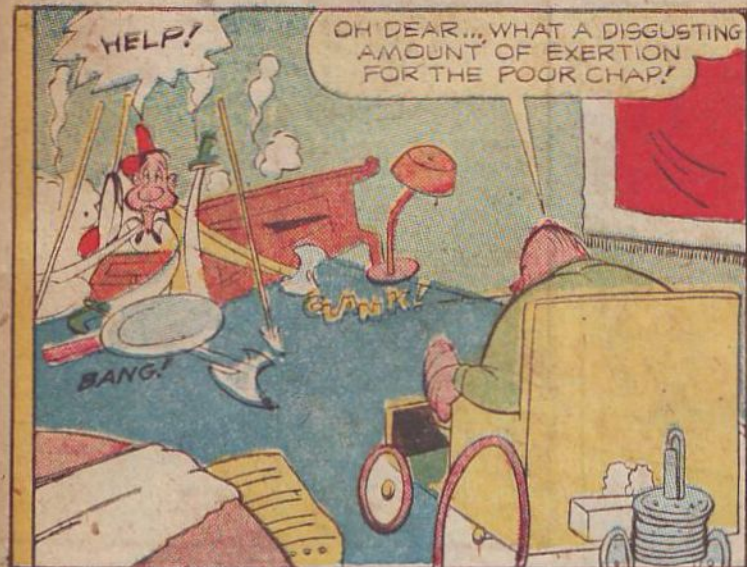
HOW TO  
BE A  
DETECTIVE

**YIPE!**

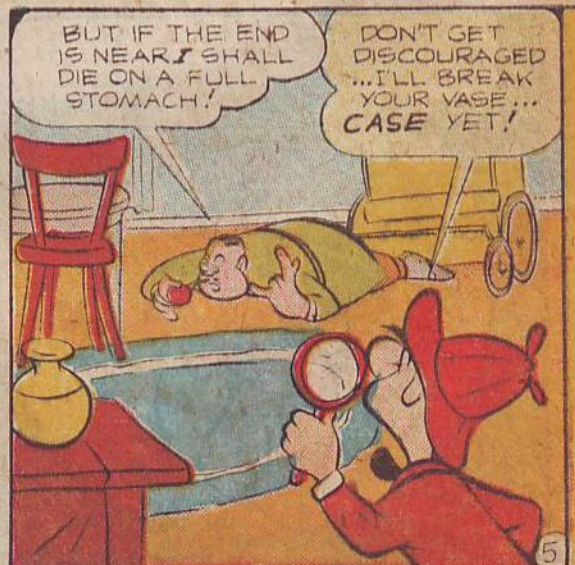
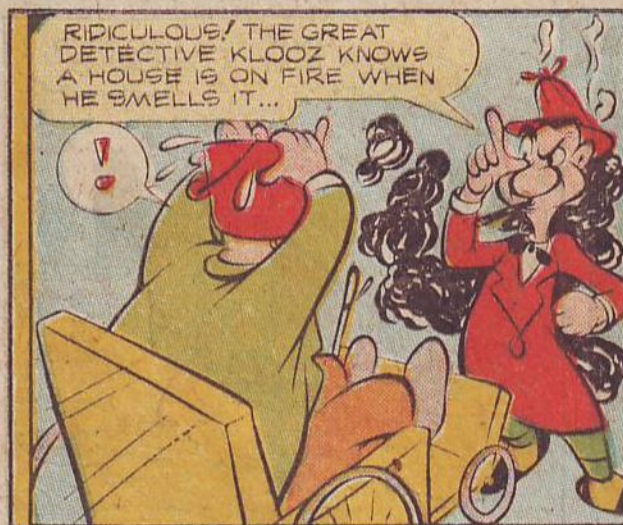
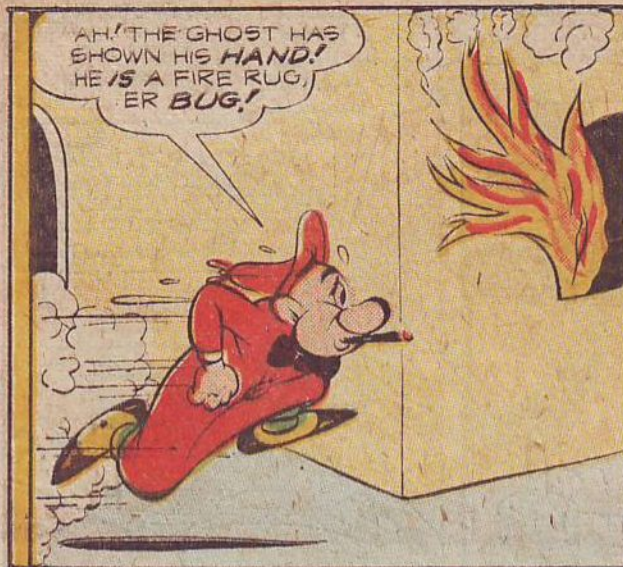
MURDER... MURDER... I'M  
BEING CHILLED BY A ROAST  
...I MEAN KILLED BY A  
GHOST!

**CLANG! CRASH!**











AH! IN ALL HAUNTED  
HOUSES THERE ARE  
TAP DRAWERS... NO...  
NO... I MEAN **TRAP**  
**DOORS!**

MEANWHILE... IN THE  
DINING ROOM,  
PERCY GOLDBRICK...

YUM! YUM! NO  
GHOST IS GOING  
TO KEEP ME  
FROM **EATING!**

THAT HAM WAS O.K. NOW FOR  
A CHICKEN OR TWO!

IF YOU DON'T  
WORK, YOU  
DON'T EAT!

NO, NOT THAT!  
YII, THIS IS  
THE **END!!**

HALP!

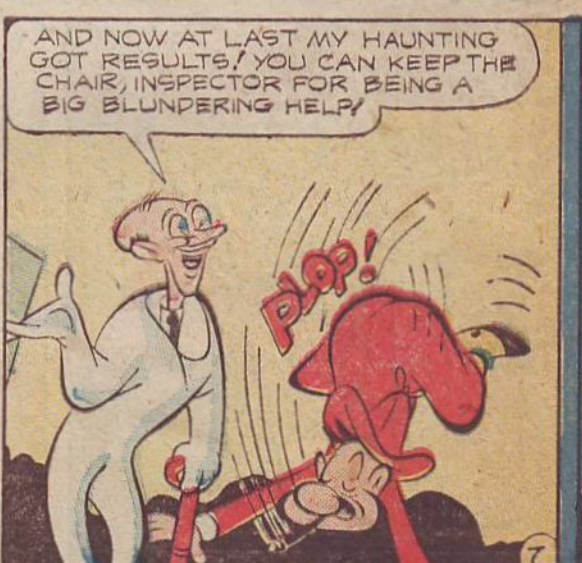
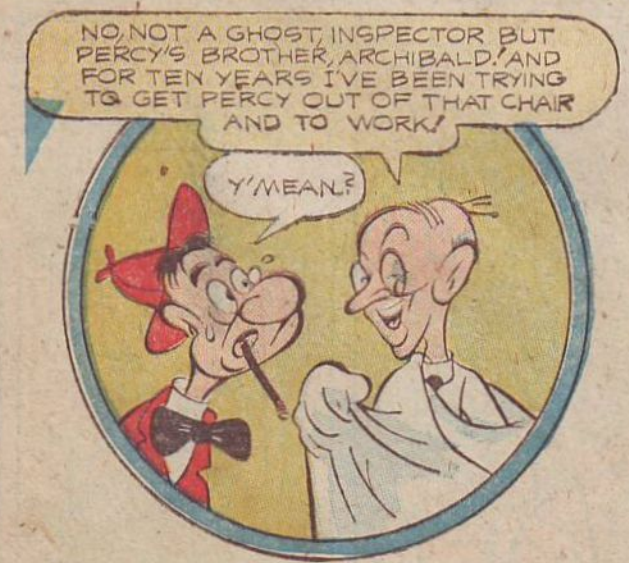
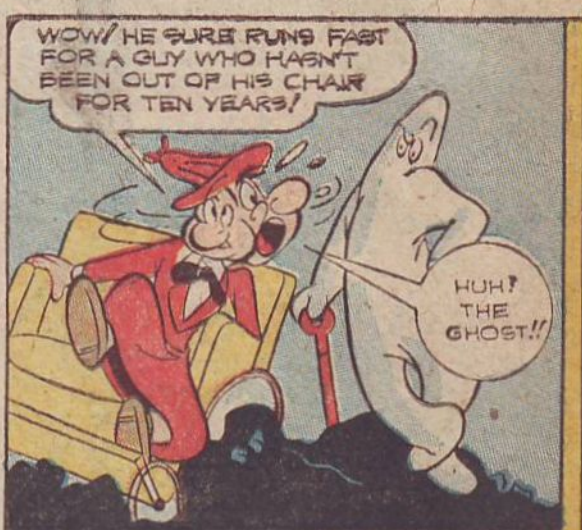
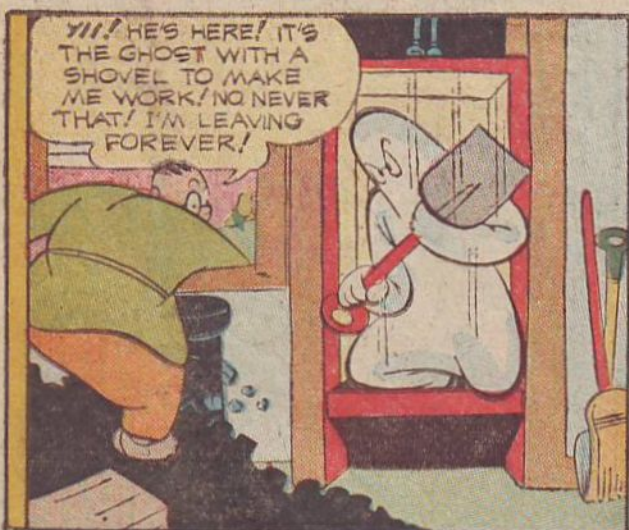
WHATE  
UP?

WHERE IS  
HE? I'LL...

QUICK! THE  
GHOST  
BEHIND THE  
CURTAIN...

CHARGE, GOLDBLOCKS!  
WE HAVE THE  
VILLIAN IN THE  
RIVER, ER I MEAN  
**AT BAY!**







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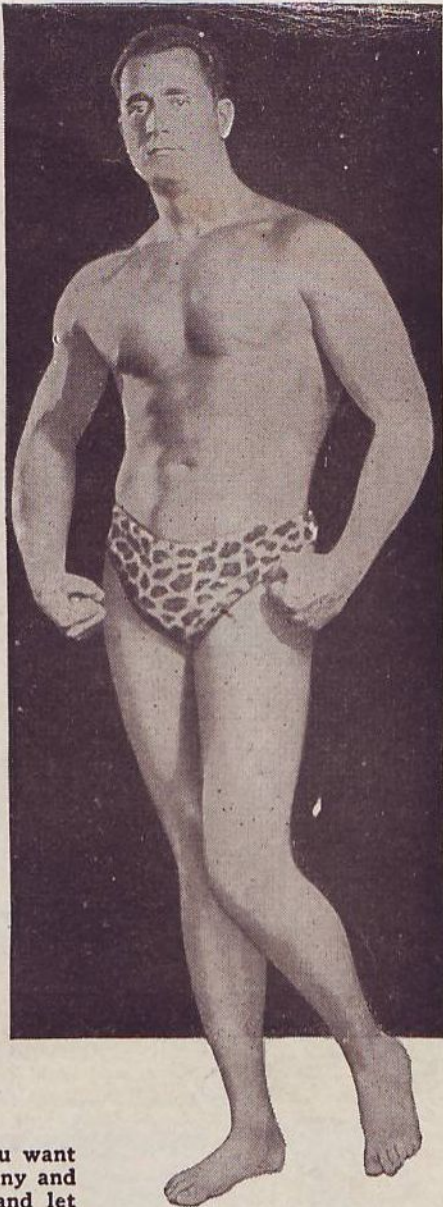
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